

IOWA BOARD OF NURSING

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER

I. Qualifications for Registration as required by Chapter 7.

- A. Current licensure as a registered nurse in Iowa or licensure as a registered nurse in another compact state, which is your primary state of residence. Primary state of residence is defined as the state where you hold a driver's license, vote and pay taxes.
- B. Graduation from a program leading to a master's degree in a nursing clinical specialty area with preparation in specialized practitioner skills;

OR

Satisfactory completion of a formal advanced practice educational program of study, in a nursing specialty, approved by the board with appropriate clinical experience approved by the board.

- C. Time-dated advanced level certification by the appropriate national certifying body approved by the board. (See Section III if you are a new graduate and have not received documentation of current certification.)

II The Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner categories are:

- A - Certified Family Nurse Practitioner
- B - Certified Nurse-Midwife
- C - Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- D - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- E - Certified School Nurse Practitioner
- F - Certified Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner
- G - Certified Psych/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner
- H - Certified Adult Nurse Practitioner
- I - Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist
- J - Certified Gerontological Nurse Practitioner
- K - Certified Neonatal Nurse Practitioner
- L - Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
- M - Perinatal Nurse Practitioner
- N - Clinical Nurse Specialist – Advanced Diabetes Management
- Q - Clinical Nurse Specialist – Adult Health
- R - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Perinatal
- S - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Medical/Surgical
- T - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Adult Psych
- U - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Oncology
- V - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Gerontology
- W - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Orthopedics
- X - Clinical Nurse Specialist – Community Health
- Y - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Home Health
- Z - Clinical Nurse Specialist - Child/Adolescent Psych

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III Filing Application

- A. The applicant is responsible for submitting the following to the Iowa Board of Nursing:
1. Completed application for registration in Iowa as an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (A.R.N.P.) *Note: Do NOT submit the application unless you have the certification exam results to submit with the application. If the certification exam results are arriving separately from the certifying agency, please include a note stating this with your application.*
 2. \$81.00 fee for any length of registration up to three years (fee must accompany application)
 3. If your primary state of residence is another compact state and the compact is in effect in that state, a copy of the current license to practice as a registered nurse in the primary state of residence.
 4. A copy of a current certification card or certificate evidencing advanced level certification issued by the national certifying body approved by the board indicating a future expiration date.
 5. Newly certified applicants may submit a copy of their letter of notification of passing the certification exam within 90 days of issue if they have not received an actual certification notice.
 6. An official transcript from a masters program or formal advanced level educational program of study denoting course of study and clinical experience. Date of graduation/completion of program must appear on the transcript. Transcripts must be received directly from the college. Faxed copies or copies received from the applicant in a sealed envelope will NOT be accepted. *(If the same transcript was submitted previously for a different ARNP registration with the board, please include a note stating this with your application.)*
- B. If applicant is currently (and will continue to be) an active member of the military or currently (and will continue to be) a Federal Government employee identification such as; military orders, military identification, or federal employee identification must be submitted with the application.
- C. The applicant shall complete the registration process within twelve (12) months of receipt of the application materials. The board reserves the right to destroy the documents after twelve (12) months.
- D. No Temporary Licenses will be issued.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact this office at 515/281-6488 or contact us by email at newnurs@iowa.gov.